

Cambridge, July 14<sup>th</sup> 1857

Dear Mr. Bruce

This sultry weather  
reminded me that I lost -  
(after raising only one) that  
fine set of Watermelon  
you sent me the seed of.

And I want to study it, for  
it has on a controverted question  
of structure. You know the  
set - the pulp was separate  
from the seed.

Now if this is still extant in  
your parts, steal or beg me  
one or two young ones near -  
the younger the better, & send me  
by express, and presently a full-  
grown one - & much obliged

Yours ever,

A. Gray

P.S. My new little book takes

will, and is a good deal  
praised.

Letitia & baby will be  
here to-morrow, & with you  
Saturday

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